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:30 PSA – VIRGINIA TORNADOES

Last year, Virginia had a record eighty-six tornadoes. If a tornado **WARNING** is issued for your area, you may only have a few seconds to get to safety. Take cover inside a basement or first-floor room in the center of a sturdy building. One of the most dangerous places to be during a tornado is inside a car or mobile home. If you can't get to a building in time, lie in a ditch or low area. For more tornado safety information, visit www.vaemergency.com.

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:30 PSA – TORNADO WARNING: HOUSES & MOBILE HOMES

A tornado **WARNING** is issued when a tornado has been sighted in your area. If you're at home and a tornado **WARNING** has been issued, take shelter in your basement or a first-floor room nearest the center of your house. If you're in a mobile home, go immediately to a building with a solid foundation. Tornadoes can cause severe damage to mobile homes. Taking shelter inside a nearby sturdy building could save your life. For more tornado safety information, visit www.vaemergency.com.

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:30 PSA – TORNADO WARNING: IF YOU ARE DRIVING

One of the most dangerous places to be during a tornado is inside a car. If a tornado **WARNING** is issued for your area, immediately take shelter inside a nearby sturdy building. If there's no time to get indoors or there are no buildings nearby, lie in a ditch or low area away from your vehicle. Bridges and overpasses won't protect you because flying debris can get blown under them. For more tornado safety information, visit www.vaemergency.com.

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:30 PSA – TORNADOES: WHAT TO DO AT WORK OR SCHOOL

Tornadoes often occur when we're at work or school. If a tornado **WARNING** is issued for your area, go to the basement, stairwell or inside hallway at the lowest level you can safely reach. Stay away from windows. Get under a piece of sturdy furniture such as a heavy table or desk. If you're outdoors and a tornado is approaching, get inside a sturdy building right away or lie in a ditch or low area and cover your head. For more tornado safety information, visit www.vaemergency.com.

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For more disaster preparedness PSAs in English and Spanish, visit the tornado section of the Virginia Department of Emergency Management Web site at www.vaemergency.com.